

TUNDRA

Tundra the Snowy owl arrived at the centre on Monday the 26th August 2007. She was bred at the Exmoor falconry centre. She has been trained and fly's in the morning Owl displays every day.

Being a female she will keep her black barring as opposed to the all white of the male "Tarnick" who is in the aviary at the entrance to the centre. The females are much larger than the males and can be more aggressive during the breeding season.

Flying Snowy owls in the Uk can be difficult in the heat of summer. Their feathers are very efficient at keeping in the heat so it is very easy for them to over heat. Their feathers are the equivalent of wearing three fur coats or two 15 TOG duvets.

As soon as they show signs of overheating the falconer has to return them to the cool of their aviaries where they can have a cool bath.